

1 **In the Claims:**

2 Claim 1 (previously amended)

3 A sealing member adapted to be mounted in between a cab and a canopy where  
4 the cab has a rear window with a perimeter sub-region and the canopy has a  
5 forward window providing a perimeter sub-region where the perimeter sub-  
6 regions of the rear window and the forward window are substantially aligned, the  
7 sealing member comprising:

8 an elongate axis and a first set of opposed elongated surfaces comprising  
9 a first surface and a second surface whereby the first and second surfaces  
10 are adapted to engage the perimeter sub-regions of the rear window and  
11 the forward window, the elongate member further having a second set of  
12 opposed surfaces comprising a third elongated surface and a fourth  
13 surface that are substantially opposed to one another and are adapted to  
14 simultaneously engage the perimeter sub-region of the rear window and  
15 the perimeter sub-region of the forward window, where a sealing body  
16 width is defined between the first and second surfaces that is a greater  
17 distance than a sealing body thickness that is defined as the distance  
18 between the third and fourth surfaces,

19 whereas the elongate member is adapted to rotate substantially about its  
20 central elongate axis to provide engagement with the first and second  
21 opposed surfaces to the perimeter sub-regions of the rear window and the  
22 forward window or to provide engagement of the third and fourth opposed  
23 surfaces to the perimeter sub-regions of the rear window and the forward  
24 window where a combination of the engagement of the first and second

1           opposed surfaces along a portion of the perimeter sub-region and the  
2           engagement of the third and fourth surfaces along another portion of the  
3           perimeter sub-region maintains a substantial seal between the cab and  
4           the canopy.

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6   **Claim 2 (previously amended):**

7           A elongate member adapted to be mounted between a cab and a canopy where  
8           the cab has a rearward window with a perimeter sub-region and the canopy has  
9           a forward window having a perimeter sub-region where the rearward and forward  
10          windows have a first lateral perimeter sub-region, a second lateral perimeter sub-  
11          region, and a lower perimeter sub-region and upper perimeter sub-region, the  
12          elongate member having the properties:

13                made from flexible material that is adapted to compress at a first rate and  
14                expand to an original cross sectional size at a second rate which is slower  
15                than said first rate whereby the elongate member is adapted to compress  
16                and frictionally engage between the first lateral perimeter sub-region, the  
17                upper perimeter sub-region, the second lateral perimeter sub-region and  
18                the lower perimeter sub-region and after said engagement the material  
19                has compression memory where the expansion rate is further impeded  
20                and the pressure upon the first lateral perimeter sub-region, the second  
21                lateral perimeter sub-region, the upper perimeter sub-region and the lower  
22                perimeter sub-region and upper perimeter sub-region is reduced before  
23                the compression memory has set in where the elongate member has a

1 central elongate axis and first and second surfaces that are substantially  
2 opposed to one another and have a first sealing member distance  
3 between the first and second surfaces and third and fourth surfaces that  
4 are substantially opposed to one another and have a second sealing  
5 member distance between the third and fourth surfaces where a  
6 combination of the engagement of the first and second opposed surfaces  
7 along a portion of the perimeter sub-region and the engagement of the  
8 third and fourth surfaces along another portion of the perimeter sub-region  
9 maintains a substantial seal between the cab and the canopy.  
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11 Claim 3 (cancelled):  
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13 Claim 4 (previously presented):

14 The elongate member as recited in claim 2 where the first and second lateral  
15 perimeter sub-regions have a lateral longitudinal distance between the rearward  
16 perimeter sub-region and the forward perimeter sub-region and the upper  
17 perimeter sub-region has a lateral longitudinal distance between the rearward  
18 perimeter sub-region and the forward perimeter sub-region whereby the lateral  
19 longitudinal distance is not the same as the upper longitudinal distance whereby  
20 the elongate member is adapted to rotate about the central elongate axis  
21 whereby the first and second surfaces are adapted to engage the first and  
22 second lateral perimeter sub-regions and the third and fourth surfaces are  
23 adapted to engage the upper perimeter sub-region.

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2 Claim 5 (previously presented):

3 The elongate member as recited in claim 4 whereby the lower perimeter sub-  
4 region has a longitudinal distance between the rearward perimeter sub-region  
5 and the forward perimeter sub-region and the third and fourth surfaces of the  
6 sealing member are adapted to engage the lower perimeter sub-region.

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8 Claim 6 (previously presented):

9 The elongate member as recited in claim 5 where the sealing member has a first  
10 end and a second end whereby the first and second ends are adapted to engage  
11 one another in a face-to-face engagement in between the rearward perimeter  
12 sub-region and the forward perimeter sub-region.

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14 Claim 7 (currently amended):

15 The elongate member as recited in claim 2 where the lateral regions are located  
16 on movable window sections of the forward window and the rearward window.

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18 Claim 8 (currently amended):

19 The elongate member as recited in claim 2, where the lateral regions are located  
20 on fixed window portions of the forward window and the rearward window.

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22 Claim 9 (currently amended):

1 A method of sealing ~~the gap a gap between the between a~~ perimeter sub-region  
2 ~~of any of a~~ rearward window having rearward perimeter sub-region of a cab of a  
3 truck and a forward window having a forward perimeter sub-region of a canopy  
4 attached to the bed of a truck, ~~the distance a distance~~ between the rearward  
5 perimeter sub-region in the forward perimeter sub-region defines a ~~prometer~~  
6 ~~perimeter gap having any having a~~ longitudinal distance that can vary with  
7 respect to position along the ~~prometer region~~ perimeter sub-region, the method  
8 comprising the steps of:

9 retrieving an elongate member having a central elongate axis and being  
10 comprised of a foam-like material that is adapted to compress at a first  
11 rate and held at a compressed position to invoke compression memory  
12 and expand at a second rate that is substantially lower than said first rate,  
13 the elongate member having first and second surfaces that are  
14 substantially opposed to one another and third and fourth surfaces that  
15 are substantially opposed to one another, positioning the elongate  
16 member along the perimeter sub-region whereby the elongate member  
17 engages the rearward perimeter sub-region and the forward perimeter  
18 sub-region with either the first and second surfaces or the third and fourth  
19 surfaces depending upon the longitudinal distance of the perimeter gap  
20 where a combination of the contact of the first and second opposed  
21 surfaces along a portion of the perimeter sub-region and the contact of the  
22 third and fourth surfaces along another portion of the perimeter sub-region

1 between the cab and the canopy maintains a substantial seal between the  
2 cab and the canopy.

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4 Claim 10 (currently amended):

5 An elongate member for use in filling a perimeter sub-region between a cab rear  
6 wall and a canopy forward wall capable of keeping out debris

7 where the elongate member having properties comprised of:

8 a compression memory having a compression memory rate of expansion  
9 and a fast compression rate, a cross sectional form with a width dimension  
10 substantially greater than the than a thickness dimension, an adaptability  
11 to rotate the elongate member sealing body about an elongate axis which  
12 enables the elongate member sealing body to fill the gap as required  
13 where the combination of the surfaces of the elongate member sealing  
14 body and various widths engaging the perimeter sub-region between the  
15 cab rear wall and the canopy forward wall maintains a substantial seal  
16 there between,

17 said elongate member having a support system having an outward  
18 expansion force and a vertical frictional force, the elongate member  
19 sealing body being held in a stationary position through the combination of  
20 the outward expansion force and the vertical frictional force in the  
21 perimeter sub-region where the compression memory rate of expansion  
22 provides a minimal force to transfer between the cab wall and the canopy

1 wall, whereby substantially avoiding abrasion of a particle of dirt ~~or the like~~  
2 between the elongate member sealing body and the cab or canopy walls.  
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4 Claim 11 (original):

5 The elongate member sealing body of claim 10 ~~including where a rate of~~  
6 expansion that is substantially slow enough that after compression, the ~~body~~  
7 elongate member will not re-expand to its former shape for a period of hours.  
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9 Claim 12 (cancelled):

10 Claim 13 (cancelled):

11 Claim 14 (currently amended):

12 The elongate member sealing body of claim 10 including a cross section shape  
13 that is ~~substantially square~~ substantially rectangular.  
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15 Claim 15 (currently amended):

16 A method of sealing a gap between a cab back wall and a canopy front wall  
17 where the gap to be sealed has non-uniform distance from the cab back wall and  
18 a canopy front wall, the method comprising the steps of:

19 retrieving an elongate member having a central axis and a wide portion  
20 with a wider cross-sectional distance greater than a narrow portion where  
21 the narrow portion the and wide portion exist on the same cross-sectional  
22 plane,

1 placing the elongate member in a perimeter gap region therein between  
2 the front cab and the back canopy, the perimeter gap region,  
3 rotating the elongate member about its central axis so as to accommodate  
4 the various gap widths between the back cab and canopy front wall,  
5 fitting the elongate member into the gap such ~~that the~~ that a wide portion  
6 of ~~the elongate member the body~~ is placed in large portions ~~the large~~  
7 ~~portion of the gap and the~~ and a thin portion of ~~the body the elongate~~  
8 ~~member~~ is placed in ~~the small portions~~ small portions of the gap so both  
9 the wide portion and the thin portion of ~~the elongate member the body~~  
10 engage the non-uniform distance from the cab back wall and a canopy  
11 front wall,  
12 expanding the elongate member to substantially the width distance  
13 between the canopy front wall and the vehicle back cab wall along the gap  
14 region,  
15 supporting the elongate member in a stationary position where the sealing  
16 ~~body elongate member~~ has an outward expansion force and a vertical  
17 frictional force, the combination of the forces being enough to support the  
18 sealing body's stationary position.

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20 Claim 16 (original):

21 The method as recited in claim 15 whereby the vehicle back cab has a painted  
22 surface.  
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1 Claim 17 (currently amended):

2 The method as recited in claim 16 whereby the elongate member has a slow  
3 memory and rate of expansion which provides a sufficiently low force to prevent  
4 debris ~~to scratch from scratching~~ the surfaces of the cab.  
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6 Claim 18 (currently amended):

7 The method as recited in the claim 15 whereby the elongate member sealing  
8 ~~body~~ is adapted to extend into ~~cavity regions~~ a cavity region of the ~~perimeter~~  
9 ~~portion~~ a perimeter portion of the ~~window frame~~ a window frame on the cab back  
10 wall and frictionally engage therein.  
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12 Claim 19 (currently amended)

13 The method as recited in the claim 15 above whereby the the elongate member  
14 ~~sealing body~~ is adapted to extend into the cavity regions of a perimeter portion of  
15 a window frame and provide a circuitous route for dust and debris to break the  
16 seal between the cab region and the surrounding environment.